

PATENT – PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

REMARKS

I. Status

Claims 1-21 are currently under appeal pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed December 4, 2006. Unfortunately, the claims in the subsequent briefs differed slightly from those submitted with previous responses. To ensure the Office had full opportunity to consider the claim language, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination and this Preliminary Amendment.

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-21 and adds new claims 22-43. Applicant notes that, while claims 22-34 are similar to those in the ‘parent’ case, they also contain additional limitations, such as new language expressly limiting the multi-image file to "a single data file." Applicant also presents a new claim set, claims 35-43, directed at a method of generating a mouse-over feedback effect in a web page.

Applicant would also like to remind the Examiner that the Office Action mailed August 14, 2006 contained final rejections of: (i) claims 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter; (ii) claims 1, 7-11, and 13-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Munro et al, US 2002/0089549 (“Munro”); (iii) claims 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Munro in view of Miller, et al. US 2005/0185055 A1 (“Miller”); and (iv) claims 2-4 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Munroe in view of Tucker et al 2004/00490598 A1 (“Tucker”). However, Applicant believes these rejections are moot in view of this Preliminary Amendment.


II. Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests that the Office issue a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner, upon considering

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this amendment, thinks that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, he/she is respectfully urged to call the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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